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OLEFIN POLYMERS** )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This is a preliminary amendment to US 18023, filed herewith, which is the US National Phase of the International Patent Application No. PCT/EP00/13191, filed on December 22, 2000, and claiming priority to European Patent Application 99204567.4 filed on December 28, 1999.

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 28, line 3 and ending at line 9, with the following paragraph:

--The catalysts of the present invention can also be supported on an inert carrier. This is achieved by depositing the metallocene compound (A) or the product of the reaction thereof

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